(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what will be its impact on the common man?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arises.

Supply of LPG through pipeline

*354. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to supply LPG to consumers through pipeline; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Foreign collaborations signed by Indian industrialists for non-essential sector

*355. SHRI THANGABAALU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether as reported in the monthly magazine 'NEWSMAG' dated 28th February, 1986, a number of foreign collaborations have been signed by Indian industrialists in non-essential sectors like cigarettes, coffee, blades, etc. to the detriment of the domestic industry which are causing a drain on India's foreign exchange reserves;

(b) whether most of these collaborations have been sought and approved under cover of high technology; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to stop this drain on the foreign exchange reserves of the country by the private sector?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) to (c) Government's policy regarding import of technology is selective. Import of technology is permitted in sophisticated and high priority areas, in export-oriented or import substitution manufacturing, or for enabling indigenous industry to update existing technology in India to meet effectively changing consumer preferences and/or become competitive in the export market.

Appointment of Chairmen of Public Sector Undertakings

*356. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some public sector undertakings under his Ministry have been functioning without Chairmen and some without Boards of Directors.

(b) what is the reason for the delay in appointing the Chairmen of those Public Sector Undertakings; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to fill up these posts?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Some Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) have been functioning for short periods without regular Chairmen and Managing Director/Chief Executive. There are no PSUs without a Board of Directors.

(b) The reasons include-unexpected arising of vacancies, deliberate non-filling of post pending restructuring of companies etc.

(c) Selection of regular incumbents as Chairmen and Managing Directors|Chief Executives is under various stages of processing. Meanwhile interim working arrangements have been made.

Production of perfumes and cosmetics with foreign collaboration

*357. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any application for the setting up of a project for the production of perfumes and other cosmetics with foreign collaboration;

(b) whether foreign brand name is also sought to be used for their products in the domestic market by the applicant;

(c) whether Modis are connected with the process of setting up of such a production unit in the country; and

(d) whether Government have cleared the project; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) to (d) Only two applications for grant of licence to manufacture cosmetics and other items with foreign collaboration were received during the years 1985 and 1986. The application received in 1985 was from M/s. Indo-Euro Chemical Services Ltd. for a capacity of 3,000 tonnes as a 100 percent Export oriented Unit. The scheme is being implemented by a new company formed for this purpose, namely, M/s. International Research Park Laboratories Ltd. Approval has also been accorded to financial participation by M/s. Estee Lauder International Inc., USA to the extent of 40 per cent amounting to Rs. 10 lakhs. No other payment is involved. Being a 100 per cent export oriented Unit, the question of the use of foreign brand name in domestic market does not arise.

The application received in 1986 was from Shri V. B. Deepak, a Non-Resident Indian for manufacture of various cosmetic items for a capacity of 808,700 pieces. Foreign collaboration with M/s. Sopret S. A., France has been permitted involving a payment of technical know-how fee of 50,000 French Francs. No other payment is involved. It has been made clear in the approval that the use of foreign brand name shall not be permitted.

The papers received in this Ministry do not show that the proposals have any connection with Modis.

Increasing the strength of the Delhi Judicial Service

*358. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received, in July, 1984 proposals from the Delhi Administration to increase the strength of the Delhi Judicial Service; and

(b) if so, what efforts have been made to increase the strength of the judges and what are the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have sanctioned creation of 14 posts of Additional District and Sessions Judges in June, 1986. The proposal to increase the strength of subordinate judges in the Delhi Judicial Service is under consideration of the Government.